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GO TO 2040 Major Capital Projects- July 2012 Update

Central Lake County Corridor

Project Status: Project is in the planning stage. The Illinois Route 53/120 Blue Ribbon Advisory Council has worked recently to identify consensus around options for the Illinois Route 53 corridor in central Lake County and develop a framework of principles to guide future study of the corridor configuration, timing and financing. The BRAC report was finalized on May 18, 2012 and the Tollway Board discussed the report on June 28.

Project Website: http://www.illinoistollway.com/construction-and-planning/community-outreach/illinois-route-53-120-blue-ribbon-advisory-council

Overall Progress since Last Month:

- The Tollway Board considered the report on June 28. The bullets below are all from the last monthly report and remain relevant: The report calls for many notable design, environmental, financing, and land use considerations. Specifically, the Council agrees that:
 - "the new Route 53 should be a four-lane, limited access, tolled parkway with a 45 mile-per-hour maximum operating speed. The Council stresses that design elements defined in this resolution such as a depressed sections, earthen berms and stormwater treatment features are essential requirements and shall not be considered optional during the detailed design process."
 - "the project should be funded through the use of tolling, under a rate structure that includes congestion pricing and indexing of toll rates. The Council supports tolling existing Route 53 from Lake Cook Road to I-90 and a cooperative approach to develop a tolling plan that is equitable and uniform for all access points in Lake County; including adding tolls to existing un-tolled access points, adding tolls at the state border and adjusting the rates at the mainline Waukegan Plaza on the Tri-State Tollway. The Council also requires identification of local revenue sources, and supports the use of Tollway system generated revenues to enable this project which is vital to the region's mobility, economic development and quality of life."
- In addition, the report states that "a corridor plan that integrates land use, transportation, economic development and open space is vital to the success of the Route 53/120 project...Lake County and the corridor municipalities, with the cooperation of the Tollway, should apply for assistance through the CMAP's Local Technical Assistance program (LTA) via the upcoming round of applications, due in August 2012. The LTA will not be a sufficient source of resources but it would provide a beginning point and complement other sources of funding. The Tollway, CMAP, Lake County and other key partners will be responsible for obtaining funding for the plan."
- Buffalo Grove <u>passed a resolution</u> supporting the project.

CMAP's Contribution since Last Month (if applicable):

• Given the recommendation for a corridor plan, CMAP has referred Lake County entities to the Local Technical Assistance call for projects, as referenced in the BRAC final report.

I-90

Project Status: Project is in design. The Illinois Tollway's I-90 Corridor Planning Council issued findings and recommendations on April 5, 2012. They can be found here: http://www.illinoistollway.com/documents/10157/48742/I 90+CPC+report+v11.pdf

Project Website: http://www.illinoistollway.com/construction-and-planning/projects-by-roadway/jane-addams-memorial-tollway-i-90

Overall Progress since Last Month:

- The Tollway recently executed a contract with Delcan. The scope of the contract includes working out the details for a congestion priced lane endpoints, access/egress locations, HOV permissions, etc.; develop transit policy options and operating characteristics; conduct a stated preference survey; update travel patterns and growth projections; model development and calibration (look for CMAP involvement); micro simulation of key movements; revenue analysis; sensitivity testing; evaluate equity impacts; conduct public and stakeholder outreach; and, produce a final report.
- IDOT is aware of the impact on the west end of the Kennedy and is looking at possible improvements there including converting the shoulder to a travel lane from the west end to Harlem where physical barriers prohibit it going further east.
- Initial utility and shoulder work has begun west of the Elgin Toll Plaza. Mainline construction in this section will begin in 2013.

CMAP's Contribution since Last Month:

None

Elgin O'Hare

Project Status: Tier 2 engineering and environmental is underway. In Tier Two, IDOT, FHWA and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) are joint lead agencies for the preparation of the Tier Two EIS.

Project Website: http://elginohare-westbypass.org/SitePages/Home.aspx

Overall Progress since Last Month:

- Final meeting of the Corridor Planning Group was held.
- DuPage County continues to explore ways to fill the funding gap.

CMAP's Contribution since Last Month:

None- CMAP made formal comments to the Draft EIS last month.

CTA Red and Purple Line Modernization

Project Status: CTA and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have initiated the environmental review process for this project, and will be preparing an EIS. CTA is also in the process of tackling some much-needed capital maintenance work at various rail stations along the north branch of the Red Line. Station improvement work began on June 1 and is scheduled to be complete by the end of year. The rehabilitation of these seven stations is not directly part of the Red & Purple Modernization Project (RPM)- rather, this funding is part of the agency's \$1 billion Red Line Capital Investment initiative announced in November 2011.

Project Website: http://www.transitchicago.com/rpmproject/

Overall Progress since Last Month: Station improvements, and thus closures, have begun.

CMAP's Contribution since Last Month: None.

CTA Red Line South

Project Status: CTA and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have initiated the environmental review process for this project and will be preparing an EIS.

Project Website: http://www.transitchicago.com/redeis/default.aspx

Overall Progress since Last Month:

• The U.S. Department of Transportation announced the fourth round of the discretionary Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program grants. These grants include \$20 million for improvements to the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) 95th Street terminal. This \$20 million is one component of a total \$140 million for various improvements to this station. A federal TIFIA loan (\$80 million) is also part of the funding package, and represents the first time Illinois has ever received TIFIA funding for a project. This project will upgrade and expand the existing facility to ease bus and pedestrian congestion and enhance safety. The 95th Street terminal is one of the busiest in the CTA system, serving 20,000 passengers per day and numerous bus lines. The benefits of streamlining bus-to-rail connections at 95th street is included as a key component of the much larger red line extension project which is included as a priority in GO TO 2040.

CMAP's Contribution since Last Month:

• Through the Local Technical Assistance Program, CMAP is providing assistance with work on a quantitative analysis and has completed a draft interim project report for the project area. To date, six community focus groups have taken place. CMAP is working with the Developing Communities project and CURL staff to schedule 11 additional focus groups and 20 individual interviews between June and August. RFP submissions for filming & editing of Red Line Livability Video are due Friday, July 20th, with a final selection to be made August 15th. Also, community Education Session planning in conjunction with CTA is currently underway.

I-290 Multimodal Corridor

Project Status: The I-290 Preliminary Engineering and Environmental (Phase I) Study started from a clean slate in the fall of 2009. The process will result in an EIS for the reconstruction of I-290 from west of Mannheim Road to east of Cicero Avenue. The preferred alternative selection and EIS should be completed in fall of 2013.

Project Website: http://www.eisenhowerexpressway.com/

Overall Progress since Last Month: The Cook-DuPage Corridor study committee discussed which I-290 transit alternatives should be evaluated as part of the Cook-DuPage study. The transit projects under discussion are informed by the work completed in the I-290 study.

CMAP's Contribution since Last Month: CMAP staff was represented at the Cook-DuPage corridor study meeting

West Loop Transportation Center

Project Status: Phase I of the Union Station Master Plan concluded in May. Projects to create a surface bus transfer center and East-West BRT are funded and underway. The projects begin to address improving connections between Union Station and other transportation services.

Project Website: http://www.unionstationmp.org/

Overall Progress since Last Month: None

CMAP's Contribution since Last Month: None

I-294/57 Interchange

Project Status: Construction has begun. In 2012, the Tollway is reconstructing and widening the bridges carrying Tri-State Tollway (I-294) traffic over 147th Street, marking the first step in constructing the interchange. Illinois Tollway work in 2012 also includes realigning Dixie Creek.

Project Website: http://www.illinoistollway.com/construction-and-planning/projects-by-roadway/tri-state-tollway-i-94/i294/i-80/294-57interchange & http://www.dot.il.gov/I57-294/default.html

Overall Progress since Last Month: None since last month. The latest construction update from June 5, 2012 states:

- Between I-57 and Kedzie Avenue, traffic in both directions is reduced from four lanes to three lanes and traffic in both directions is shifted onto the northbound bridge allowing workers to reconstruct the southbound bridge.
- At 147th Street, traffic is reduced to one lane in both directions for bridge demolition and reconstruction.
- Consultant selection for the LTA project is currently taking place.

CMAP's Contribution since Last Month: CMAP is providing staff assistance as well as consulting assistance via the LTA program for an SSMMA interchange land use planning project. This project will involve planning for land use and economic development for five communities near the new I-294/I-57 interchange (Dixmoor, Harvey, Markham, Midlothian, and Posen). CMAP just completed

consultant interviews and are about to make a consultant selection. Their involvement is still on schedule to begin this month. CMAP is also taking preliminary steps to form a steering committee.

Illiana Expressway

Project Status: Tier 1 EIS process completed. Draft document released for comment.

Project Website: http://www.illianacorridor.org/

Overall Progress since Last Month:

- Tier I DEIS is released for public comment. Comments will be accepted until August 29th.
- The City of Wilmington opposes the preferred route." Mayor Marty Orr said the city is continuing attempts to have the study committee move the route further north, suggesting that federal legislators give the study committee permission to consider placing the route through the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie." (Herald News, June 21)
- <u>SB 3318</u>, which was passed by the Senate and the House and is expected to be signed by the Governor, would allow IDOT to acquire property for the Illiana Expressway using eminent domain authority and removes restrictions regarding quick-take powers.

CMAP's Contribution since Last Month:

• CMAP began to review the Tier 1 DEIS.

Other Projects

I-55 managed lanes project – IDOT has a contract with ENTRAN. The I-55 Managed Lanes project limits are generally bounded by I-355 to the west and I-94 to the east. The project comprises an area of approximately 13 square miles which includes a core study area plus buffer area.

The scope of work for this project is anticipated to include the addition of one lane in each direction within the existing median of I-55 to accommodate implementation of managed lanes. Managed lanes could include High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV), High Occupancy Toll (HOT), Congestion Pricing, and other managed lane configurations as determined to be appropriate for projected 2040 travel demand.

CREATE- The U.S. Department of Transportation announced the fourth round of the discretionary Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program grants. These grants include \$10.4 million to support the Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency (CREATE) freight rail program. CMAP included information about this in a recent policy update: http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/policy-updates/-/blogs/chicago-region-to-receive-two-tiger-ivgrants

The TIGER grant to CREATE completes a \$370 million public-private funding package to support 15 projects, including new track and signal systems that will ease freight, Amtrak, and Metra congestion and support an estimated 3,300 jobs. More specifically, the package will benefit projects in the CREATE program's Western Avenue corridor, which is used by five separate railroads and Metra service to Joliet, as well as Amtrak service to St. Louis. The package will also fully fund a high-priority grade separation project at 25th Avenue and the Union Pacific Railroad in Melrose Park and will also support the second phase of the City of Chicago's efforts to improve sidewalks,

roadways, and lighting under railroad bridges. Upon completion of these 15 projects, over half of the projects in the CREATE program will be finished.

Metra approved a contract for \$93 million of the \$141 million Englewood Flyover project, after increasing the DBE participation from 25% to about 40%.

Circle Interchange- IDOT has begun scoping engineering studies for a major reconstruction of the Circle Interchange where the Kennedy, Dan Ryan and Eisenhower expressways converge, along with Congress Parkway. This project is not included in GO TO 2040's fiscally constrained list. IDOT and consultants met with CMAP to coordinate on this project this month. The project will add capacity to ramps and short length on mainline under interchange. IDOT plans to do Phase I and Phase II over two years (12 months each). The purpose of the project is to reduce congestion, improve safety, correct operational deficiencies and improve condition. Project website will be live by the end of July 2012: http://www.circleinterchange.org/